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German Democratic Republic FDD Abstract of [redacted]

DATA ON CONSTRUCTION OF A MERCHANT SHIP TYPE IIa (5 pp; German; February 1952)

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The document is a typewritten copy of the minutes of a conference which took place in the Directorate General on 20 February 1952 on the subject of construction of an ocean-going ship, type IIa. The minutes are dated 21 February and are issued by the Designing Office of the Directorate General. They include the following information:

The chief dimensions of the vessel (overall length 115.00 meters, width over frames 15.50 meters, height of decks 9.40 and 6.70 meters, draught 6.50 meters, displacement 7,110.126 cubic meters); speed(12 - 12.5 knots); engine capacity (2,400 BHP); and loading capacity (4,200 tons of bulk goods).

The conference further discussed the best ratio of fuel to cargo space. It was mentioned in this respect that the vessel would be used for occasional cruises to Zanzibar and Argentina (La Plata) in which case it would have to carry 6,400 tons of fuel, based on a radius of action of 15,000 nautical miles or a travel period of 52 days. In regular operations the vessel will be used for cruises to the Levant coast for which it will carry 2,700 tons of fuel. Questions of the arrangement of cargo holds, water tanks, and loading equipment were likewise discussed. Rumanian mazut and Polish black-coal were mentioned as alternatives for fuel.

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